Why I Love the Traditional Latin Mass

By Monica Cragg

Potsdam. We have been going to that Mass every happiness, to my home parish of St. Mary’s in moved from Brushton to Canton, and to my great Diocese of Ogdensburg. 

and I had now brought my family home to the year later, we had our first daughter on the way, Sunday was overwhelming.

an hour and a half with three small boys every did want to go back and give it another try, but there, and invited us to come back the next Sun-

The sweetest older couple came up to us after Mass, told us how happy they were to see us 

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The place of the Church in the World

This week I would like to go back to the documents of the Second Vatican Council. In particular, I would like to consider the concerns of the Catholic Church with regard to the place and activity of the Catholic Church in the affairs of the world. The Conciliar Fathers also called this document the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. It was prepared before the Conciliar Fathers had arrived at the consensus of the original agenda of the Council. After the discussion and debates that involved the whole Church for more than a year, many things were said about the Church, especially the Church’s activity in the life of the world.

At the time of the Council, a Protestant theologian wrote that he was impressed by the way the Catholic Church had prepared itself for the publication of this document. He had expected a document of very negative things about the Church’s involvement with the world. However, there was no mention of the Council’s official text that an area of concern in the world of the Church had been left out.

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Holding together the love of God & neighbor

Mr. Aucoin is honored by Catholic school administrators

Army-Mr. Robert H. Aucoin, diocesan vicar for education, received the Light of the Faith Award at the annual Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State gathering Oct. 28 at the Albany Marriott. Msgr. Aucoin received the award for his work to foster Catholic education in the diocese, which he has done since 1974.

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Mr. Aucoin has a long and distinguished ministry in Catholic school education and was recently named pastor of the new Catholic school for the parish community.

Currently, Mr. Aucoin is the vicar for education, a position to which he was appointed in 1997.

In remarks prior to the presentation of the award, Monsignor Joseph Ellen Rose, superintendent for the parishes of Orleans, held an retirement ceremony for Sister Ellen Rose. Msgr. Aucoin was named as the new director of the St. Joseph School in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Mr. Aucoin has been with the diocese for over 40 years and has served as principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Ogdensburg.

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‘His love is the thread running through my life’

By Janet Paganelli

Pat Hanley sits in her living room, her brevity at her side. Gilded by the summer sunshine that streamed into the library at Our Lady of the Adirondacks, Pat’s expression is one of deep peace and contentment.

“Life and the burden of compassion,” Pat said. “But in the 1990’s, I felt that this knowledge was a burden.”

Pat remembers a trip to the foot of the Adirondack backwoods road. “I was walking home from a Benedictine community in South Dakota, where I stayed for one year. And, in leading Pat to this unique opportunity, Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer nurtured her spiritual growth.”

By Joseph McAleer

Pat Hanley, 59, is a founder of the Foundation for the Life of Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer.

Hagar for God

“Life, experience did not, however, protect Pat from a struggle,” Pat Hanley said. “She experiences simply and as a ‘travesty of life’.”

Undaunted by the sheer number and variety of the challenges, Pat Hanley keeps a clear focus on the purpose and mission of her own presence here: “The experience of the Stations of the Cross is the most important thing,” she says. “I feel more connected with him than ever.”

And the emotional impact it would even consider her for the job, Pat Hanley said. “For the past three years, she has been responsible for all aspects of the board, including whether the Board of Directors knows how to stage a scary courtroom drama, with his flashy name suits his role as Capt. Whip Whitaker, (Melissa Leo), reveals Whip’s tender, weak, and susceptible side.”

“Talking about it reminds me of how God has worked in my life,” Pat Hanley said. “It’s an alchemical process,” she said, “and I’m happy with the results.”

The Episcopal church nurtured Pat Hanley in her relationship with God, and Catholic schooling taught her a love for the Church. “What followed was a truly profound experience,” she said. “I had given up everything to follow God’s plan for her life.”

Ironically, I might not even be here if not knowing what came next—another chapter of what she calls her “spiritual autobiography,” she said. And, in leading Pat to this unique opportunity, our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer nurtured her spiritual growth.”

For Julie

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As recipients of God’s bountiful gifts, we are called to: Receive those gifts gracefully...
Our readings this week highlight God’s generosity to those who give to God “until it hurts”. God, in turn, is even more generous than they are. Take the poor widow, for instance, in the first reading from the first Book of Kings. Elijah, who is on the run from the wicked King Ahab, finds her out picking up sticks so she can make a fire. Elijah is hungry, and asks the woman to please make him a little cake. He soon finds out that the woman has nothing in the house except a small bit of flour and oil. It is going to be the last meal for herself and her son before they die. Nevertheless, out of this little bit, she feeds Elijah first. He tells her that, as a reward, her oil and flour will last out of the rains come again (which turns out to be a whole year!). God will not be outdone in generosity! Mark’s Gospel narrates a really moving story about Jesus in the Temple, observing those who are putting in collection money. He’s really impressed with a poor woman who puts in two copper coins, all she has to live on. In her humility, she probably thought that no one would see this, since there were many rich people around her putting in large sums. Far be it from Jesus to discourage the wealthy from making big donations! He’s merely pointing out how much more admirable is sacrificial giving than just giving from what one has left over! Jesus had a soft spot in his heart for widows. They were the most vulnerable people in the society of his time, for there was no “social security” of any kind, and no husband to protect and provide for them. He has just finished a scorching condemnation of the religious authorities for their insensitivity to the plight of these widows, instead of bailing them out, they were taking away all that little they had through their bearable temple taxes. God approves of sacrificial giving. How good are we at this kind of generosity? This includes adjusting our schedules to help some person in need, in the spirit of our time and talent.

For Julie: a gift of life... a gift of time

Jamie and Julie Otis were happily married on April 25, 2005. They shared many things in common, and were committed to their Catholic faith, the right to life, and the value of family. Jamie was raised in Ellisburg and attended St. Cecilia’s Parish, Adams, and attended St. Joseph Church. Jamie and his father Leonard Elpers are members of the Knights of Columbus.

The couple met through mutual friends at a Boy Scout camp where they frequently volunteered, Jamie and Julie hiked up Mount Washington. Stissing on their first date. Two years later, Jamie proposed to her on that same mountain. In their leisure, the couple love to spend time outdoors, hiking, camping, canoeing, and cooking together. Six months after their marriage, Julie had a mastectomy to remove a lump in her breast. When she went to the doctors to have it tested, she was reassured that most lumps in young women were benign. Only 27-years-old with no family history of breast cancer, the discovery was a shock. Julie was pre-fatigued most of the time. It was a daily struggle to get up and force herself to eat and drink, but the baby needed her, and she needed something worth fighting for. Due to the aggressive nature of the cancer, the doctors recommended undergoing chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and hormone therapy to reduce the chance of a future recurrence.

Much to the couple’s dismay, choosing these treatments meant not being able to have children for five years. Julie was devastated. One week later, Julie had a mastectomy to remove the tumor. The surgery was a success with no complications. Due to the aggressiveness of the cancer though, the doctors recommended undergoing chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and hormone therapy to reduce the chance of a future recurrence.

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Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ

The sentiments expressed
The Expansion to make the
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“Catholic Reflections on Work, Poverty and a Broken Economy,” is expected to
to mark All Souls’ Day – Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) – is experiencing a
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At the end of the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization:

Proposals to promote evangelization

By Chad Wyckoff

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In a document released at the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization in St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican Oct. 28, 2012, Concelebrating at the altar were Cardinals Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, left, and Francisco Jiménez de Ribadeneira of Spain.

During the synod discussions, several bishops emphasized the importance of the church learning the particular languages and cultures of society. With people who increasingly spend their time online, the propositions stressed that no technical barrier should hinder people from converting to the faith and where they live, according to the Gospel values.

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Proposals were made for the entire church to develop a “pastoral plan of initial proclamation” that would outline steps to help ensure that once people hear the Gospel, they are led to conversion and faith and are educated in church teaching. It also should describe the “qualities and guidelines for the formation of Catholic evangelizers today”.

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Director's Talk

"KNOW WHERE YOU STAND AND STAND THERE...." These words were spoken by Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., to a group of college students at their graduation. "KNOW WHERE YOU STAND AND STAND THERE..."

What a succinct and yet comprehensive description of the mission and works of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities stands with the individuals and families who have been marginalized or marginalized by economic, domestic, emotional difficulties, social problems and other types of life’s challenges.

Catholic Charities stands with men, women and children who are not being served or who are under-served. Working in networks and coalitions throughout the North Country, Catholic Charities strives to identify unmet needs and address the gaps in services within our local communities.

The Vianney fund and the Bridging the Gap program provide financial assistance to people when other resources are not available. These programs also provide counseling for individuals, couples and families. 95% are the “working poor.”

Catholic Charities stands with pregnant and parenting teens in Franklin County. Many of these young people have few resources. Through quality casework, financial assistance and the wonderful work of “Baby World” these teens are assured that they are not invisible or forsaken. Each one learns, by being cared about and respected, to care about and respect themselves and their child.

Faite Fajh in a new program to Jefferson Lewis County. Catholic Charities has one of the only bilingual clinics in the area. We have designed and implemented this program of outreach and a women’s circle of support for Hispanic women, most of whom are the spouses of our military personnel. The women need to be translated due to language barriers and their spouses being deployed. This program helps them deal with issues of anxiety, depression and we have a volunteer who is beginning an English as a second language program with them.

Catholic Charities stands with the residents of long term care facilities in St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties through our Outreach Program. Volunteer Outreach personnel provide assistance with trouble shooting, mediation and advocacy for their next of kin and residents at this vulnerable stage of life.

Clinton and Essex counties continue to have residents waiting for assistance with issues related to Hurricane Irene. The Federal and State Governments have entered into a partnership with Catholic Charities agencies throughout the State of New York, in setting up a program for Disaster Case Management. They know that CC will stand with the people waiting for help and get the job done.

Catholic Charities stands with the NYiS Catholic Church, and the USCIR in advocating for public policies that respect the dignity of all human life, support families and work towards the common good.

Catholic Charities stands against immoral fiscal policy. And we stand with policies that assure safety nets for all citizens. Historically, Poverty has never been reduced by eliminating social protection programs.

Through all of our core services and programs, Catholic Charities stands with our brothers and sisters who have a right to health care, affordable housing, a quality education, gainful employment, and food and income security.

Catholic Charities stands with persons living under the oppression of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Catholic Charities stands on the firm foundation of Catholic Social teaching and Gospel values.

When Jesus went to the Synagogue on the Sabbath, He stood up to read the Scriptures. He handed the book of the prophet Isaiah and this is what He read:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has chosen me to be the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. To set the oppressed free. Then the Spirit said in the temple, ‘This is how He was read.

And that is where Catholic Charities stands

Sr. Donna Franklin D.C., L.C.L.C.W.
Diocesan Director

This year's dinner was held on Oct. 28, 2012

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The CARITAS Award was established by the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 1979. This award acknowledges individuals and organizations in the North Country, who promote the mission of Catholic Charities and the social justice ministry of the Catholic Church. The individual or group should exemplify Gospel mandates of charity and justice.

Bishop Terry LaValley presents the CARITAS Award to Gayle Seymour

Gayle Seymour, Bishop Terry LaValley and Tom Hanley enjoy their dinner and conversation at the 2012 CARITAS Dinner

Mr. Tom Schneberger, President of the Board of Trustees and Master of Ceremonies for the evening


Deacon Patrick Lyons, Sandy Lyons and Catholic Charities clinician, Glenns Jones

Annette Daze joins her sister, Paulette Iowa and Catholic Charities Staff Joelle Lamica and Glenns Jones. Annette was recognized for her 25 years of service to others.

Catholic Charities staff recognized Janet Denney—5 years & Annette Daze—25 years

Support the Vianney Fund

All of the proceeds from the CARITAS DINNER are used to support the Vianney Fund. This Fund was established in 2009 in honor of the Priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The funds are used to provide financial assistance for critical needs. Many families, especially working families, “fall between the cracks” of traditional services. Catholic Charities is able to be there to help because of the generosity of our benefactors. A donation to the Vianney Fund is an investment in the future of individuals and families in our North Country communities.

To make a donation to the Vianney you can send your check to:
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At the end of the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization:

Proposals to promote evangelization

By Chad Wells

The pope requested the synod on the new evangelization to make concrete proposals to the church about how American Catholics can fulfill the mission of spreading the faith in the 21st century.

Proposals included:

- A 58-project plan for the church to use in the United States.
- A plan for the church to use in Latin America.
- A plan for the church to use in Asia.
- A plan for the church to use in Africa.
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Sister Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ
The sentiments expressed
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the head of the Bishop's Fund.
The missionaries power of
the Catholic Church is to
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Worship for the Diocese of Brownsville. November, he pointed out, is the month
November a month to rem em ber the dead, celebrate life, says priest

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From the head of the Knights of Columbus:
By virtue of sacrement, spouses are missionaries
understand just how seri-
ous a sacrament that binds them
as "an icon of God's own com-
mitment to humans," Father Trinity, Anderson said.

Today, too, he said, there are signs of "a great re-
cognition of their importance -
everywhere we see this is taking
any kind of outreach project
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future of the Church in this tume," he said.
Anderson also spoke to the
syndic of the Catholic faith as an agent of reconciliation
in a sometimes hostile cultural
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Referring to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Anderson told
the synod, "Five centuries ago, Mary appeared in our
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pression of a new incultura-
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Our readings this week highlight God’s generosity to those who give to God “until it hurts.”

God, in turn, is ever more generous than they are. Take the poor widow, for in stature, in the first reading from the first Book of Kings, Elijah, who is on the run from the wicked King Ahab, finds her out picking up sticks so she can make a fire. Elijah is hungry, and asks the woman to please make him a little cake. He soon finds out that the woman has nothing in the house except a little bit of flour and oil. It’s going to be the last meal for herself and her son before they die! Nevertheless, out of this little bit, she feeds Elijah first. He tells her that, as a reward, her oil and flour will last out of the rains come again (which turns out to be a whole year!). God will not be outdone in generosity! Mark’s Gospel narrates a really moving story about Jesus in the Temple, observing those who are putting in collection money. He’s really impressed with a poor woman who puts in two copper coins, all she has to live on. In her humility, she probably hoped that no one would see this, since there were many rich people around her putting in large sums.

Far be it from Jesus to discourage the wealthy from making big donations! He’s merely pointing out how more admirable is sac- rificing what one has left over! God’s generosity! Far be it from Jesus to discourage the wealthy from making big donations! He’s merely pointing out how more admirable is sacrificing what one has left over! God’s generosity! God’s generosity! God’s generosity!

The timing of the conception was a perfect miracle. Julie’s primary care physi- cian insisted she abort the baby immediately to correct the condition. Julie and her husband refused; abortion was not an option.

They consulted with an oncologist who specialized in young pregnant women with breast cancer. It was recommended as safe to under- go chemotherapy during the second trimester and to postpone the radiation treatments and hormone therapy until after the baby was born. Due to worsening sickness and chemotherapy, Julie was often very nausea and back pain. The day after Anthony was born, Julie began under- going chemotherapy during and hormone therapy. Through the radiation Julie experienced fatigue most of the time. It was a daily struggle to get up and force herself to eat and drink but the baby needed her, and she needed something worth fighting cancer for.

Two years later at the age of 29, Julie started getting sick periodically with stom- ach issues and severe joint and back pain. In August 2012, tests re- vealed the couple’s worse dreams.

Instead of helping them, the religious authorities for- scorching condemnation of their insensitivity to the plight of these widows, instead of helping them, they were taking away what little they had through bearable temple taxes. God approves of sacrifi- cial giving. How good are we at this kind of generosity?

This includes adjusting our schedules to help some of our poorer people in need of our time and talent.
For Julie

The crew on Flight 227 were told to be prepared to land and look for the other way, except for the new guy, co-pilot Ken Evans (Denzel Washington), who is apologetic. When the plane takes off, Whip spits orange juice on the co-pilots face and the plane begins a flight of terror.

The plane is minutes away from crashing into the Hudson River, but Whip's 'heroic' actions suddenly become illegal and questionable.

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November 7, 2012

FOCUS STORY

I’d like to begin by congratulating our 2012 Caritas Award winner, Tom Cline, a native of the Adirondack
Mountains. For so many years, the people of Franklin County have been the beneficiaries of his compassion and care.

Bishop LaValley’s message at the 2012 Catholic Charities Caritas Award Dinner Award Oct. 28

The very breadth of activities served by your helping hand expresses itself within the Church itself and reaches out to those in need of care and compassion. Likewise, we in the Church strive to become such a source of inspiration, to lead others to see Jesus in those who are in the same situation as we are, to show mercy, love, and support to others, and to help our brothers and sisters join together in the love of God and his family.

Legacy Award. Your par-
ents, teachers, principals, and all the fine friends of your youth who are so very proud of you! Whether it’s through di- rect support or advocacy, Catholic Charities and Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg know that you have!”

Msgr. Acuin is honored by Catholic school administrators

A耶穌 Christ, our Lord and Master, in whom we believe. Amen.

Msgr. Acuin is a Vicar for Education in the Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg. Msgr. Acuin started his career in Catholic education as a teacher in 1964 at St. Joseph’s School in Cranston, Rhode Island. Msgr. Acuin continued teaching and served in administrative positions at several Catholic high schools.

Msgr. Acuin is currently the Vicar for Catholic Education in the Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg. Msgr. Acuin was ordained to the priesthood in 1964 and has served in various roles throughout his career in Catholic education.

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The place of the Church in the World

This week I would like to turn to looking at the documents of this Second Vatican Council which contained the elements of the Council which concerned the Church's relations with the outside world, and the place and activity of the Catholic Church in the affairs of the world. Actually, Pope John XXIII was rather the innovator for many of the elements in this document. Curious as it may seem, I have found no new document. I have discovered only a remarkable change in its application to the world since the Council as our understanding of the Church in the world has increased.

At the close of the Council a Papal theologian wrote how impressive he was by the way the Church had become a missionary Church. The Church had a splendid history of being very negative of the things of the world – with many connotations, however, in the very beginning this document was an at- ttempt to bring it all into focus as we face the world today. In this document the Church recognizes the difference between the world and the Church. This is an important point of view. And what is the Church? In the simple words of Jesus, “The Church is God’s family.”

At the Council, the Holy See, the Pope, the Bishops and the laity all were given a sense of the Church being God’s family on earth. Of course, the Church is different from all other families in the world. We are different because we are the family of God. We are different because God has given us a mission. We have a mission to spread the doctrine of the Church, to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have yet to hear the message of salvation. We are different because we worship the one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to bring salvation to all who hear the message. We are different because we are God’s family. We are different because we are the Church, the family of God.

I am not suggesting that my point of view is new, but I do believe that the Church and its members need to face the world in the future and try to understand what is happening in the world around us. I believe that the Church needs to be active in the world and work to change things that are wrong.

The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

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The Church is a missionary Church.

As I write this column, Hurricane Sandy is working its way up the East Coast. It is a tragedy that will be remembered for years to come. The government has been working hard to prepare for the worst.

In the future, the Church will continue to work for the good of the world. The Church will continue to work on issues such as poverty, hunger, and education. The Church will continue to work to help those in need. The Church will continue to work for peace and justice.

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Why I Love the Traditional Latin Mass

By M aeana Cragg

If you have never attended a Low Mass, you may wonder what it is that keeps so many fellow Catholics away from this form of the Mass.

I am a Catholic wife and mother, with my eighth child due this coming April. Every Sunday, my husband and I attend the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) at 12:30 PM each Sunday at St. Mary’s in Potsdam. I know that many of my fellow Catholics have never been to a Latin Mass or have only faint memories of the Mass. Some may even think that the Mass is something of the past, or that it is only for the “elite” part of the diocese. My husband and I learned that there are a few things about the Latin Mass that keep many of our fellow Catholics from attending.

One Sunday, we packed up our three boys, three and under, and made our way to St. Mary’s. We attended our first Low Mass on the 11th of November, 2011. It was going to be a Low Mass, told us how happy they were to see us there. The sweetest older couple came up to us after Mass, turned off by the whole thing, but we weren’t.

The reason for the dearth of Latin Masses is the same problem that one might have with the English Mass: it’s foreign. Even the homily was barely understandable. I suppose, in some ways, we should have been turned off by the whole thing, but we weren’t. The sweeter older couple came up to us after Mass, told us how happy they were to see us there, and invited us to come back the next Sunday while they would be having a High Mass. We did want to go back and give it another try, but an hour and a half with three small boys every Sunday was overwhelming.

By the time we attended another TLM, it was a year later, we had our first daughter on the way, and Sunday was overwhelming. It was going to be a Latin Mass so different from the one I grew up with. I remember, as a child, the Mass was rare. We couldn’t really follow what was going on, because with three little boys, and only two of us, we didn’t have any hands free to set the books aside and take advantage of the book at the back of the church that will help you understand. There is so much more I could share. I would love to share the story of faith.

Nora Cragg of Potsdam and her husband, Jim, are shown with their children: Ethan, age 11; Asher, 10; Colin, 8; Clare, 6; Lucas, 5; Celia, 3; and Gavan, 18 months.

Sunday, for the past seven years... Why? What is it that draws us to the Mass in the Extraordinary Form?

One of the first things I loved was the way that Holy Communion is given and received. We were helped in my faith in the Eucharist grow more than seeing our Lord treated as something so precious, so holy that only the priest could touch this host.

Even more special, in the rubrics of the TLM, since the priest’s fingers have been purified, he holds his thumb and his forefinger together so they touch NOTHING but the sacred Body of Christ.

When Holy Communion is received, it is done in the same way you would receive from our Holy Father, kneeling and on the tongue. I find it so beautiful in the humility it requires. There is a paten held under the communicant’s chin, so that any precious crumbs, the full Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, is brought back to the altar and placed with reverence.

Another aspect of the TLM that I fell in love with was the way the role of the priest was pronounced. The priest’s role always has been as mediator between human and God. In the TLM, there is no question as to the importance of that role. He does not turn his back to the people, but turns with the people toward God, lifting up their prayers and offering the all-important sacrifices of the Mass to God.

There is no one at the altar but the altar boys, most often on their knees. It was after we started attending the TLM that my husband mentioned possibly wanting to be a priest. We had been parishioners at this church for years, had more personality and were far more entertaining. We could see ourselves doing something about the role of the priest in the TLM that the Catholics aren’t used to.

Our Catholic Church is a universal church. When you attend a TLM, it doesn’t matter where you are in the world, whether you are in Potsdam, NY or Potsdam, Germany. You belong in Brazil or the Philippines. Every word, every movement of the priest is the same. The universal language of the Church, Latin, unites us.

There are only two main parts to every Mass, the ordinary and the proper. The ordinary stays the same, day after day, week after week, and month after month. It contains most of the parts you are already completely familiar with. My two oldest boys (11 and 11), are already serving the Mass and I am at their understanding. The only things that change are the epistle, the gospel, and a few prayers throughout the Mass.

In a Low Mass, the epistle and gospel are read in English, and the Homily is always in the vernacular. If you don’t own a missal, there is a red book at the back of the church that will help you follow along. Then, again, it is sometimes better to set the books aside and take advantage of the quiet to pray, to offer your prayers to God going down the length of the Church in the ultimate prayer of hearts.

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As of Nov. 1, it caused at least 72 deaths in seven states and left more than 8.5 million people without power from the Carolinas to Ohio.

In the Caribbean, government officials have declared 500,000 miles wide, Sandor’s strong gales reached to the Great Lakes.

FACING PAGE: Pope Benedict XVI expressed his concern for everyone affected by Hurricane Sandy and encouraged all those working to re-build the affected areas. The pontiff said the disaster was a “moral call” to the international community to reaffirm the importance of the values of freedom, solidarity and human dignity.

IN DECEMBER 2012, the Diocese of Ogdensburg will hold an annual dinner Oct. 28. Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, CSAANYS annually honors a person from each diocese who has served 40 or more years in Catholic Education with the Lighting the Fire of Faith for Catholic Education Award.

Bossard, a long-time Catholic teacher and administrator, was inducted into the National Catholic Educational Association’s hall of fame at its annual dinner in Washington in November. He also has a long pedagogical tradition at Catholic schools in New York State and on the East Coast of the United States. Most recently, he served as president of Immaculate Heart Central School in Waterboro.

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